e) outputting an indication of the determined price of the financial product in humanly readable format.

Please add the following new Claims 21-28:

21. An electronic data processing method for administering a financial product having a fixed number of shares over a predetermined period of time, so that the financial product can be traded as a security the price of which can be determined on the basis of information about one or more securities, comprising the steps of:

a) directing a computer processor to select from said one or more securities a selected portfolio of securities based upon a particular performance criteria for the securities so selected which meets a predefined benchmark performance, including:

i) providing a database of information on securities available for trading;

ii) electronically processing information in said provided database to identify securities, the asset size of which is above a predetermined threshold; and

iii) electronically searching the identified securities to select a subset of N securities, the performance criteria of which is superior to the performance criteria of all identified securities;

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b)   receiving information on each of said one or more securities in an electronic data format;

c)   storing at least the received information on each security in the selected portfolio in a computer memory;

d)   electronically processing said stored information to determine the price of the financial product on the basis of a user-defined method of weighing the select subset of N securities; and

e)   outputting an indication of the determined price of the financial product in humanly readable format.

22. (new) The electronic data processing method of Claim 21 wherein the particular performance criteria for selecting from said one or more securities said selected portfolio is a selected one or more of the risk/return performance; the total net assets as of a set time; the price at which said one or more securities is trading relative to net asset value; and a preferred statistical relationship over time.

23. (new) The electronic data processing method of Claim 22 wherein at least one of said one or more securities is a mutual fund.
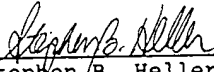

24. (new) The electronic data processing method of Claim 21 further comprising the step of evaluating the performance of the financial instrument on the basis of comparing the risk/return

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22-28 add further limitations to Claim 21, and are also believed to be allowable for at least the same reason as Claim 21.

In order to comply with the duty of disclosure, applicant is also submitting separately a declaration of Kenneth Kiron, one of the inventors for this application, relative to activities occurring more than one year prior to the filing date of this application.

It is now believed that this application is in proper condition for allowance. Accordingly, reexamination and allowance is earnestly requested.

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